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Docket No. 5000-4867



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Applicant(s): Takahiro Hoshida, et al.

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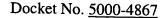
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Claims	4 -	6	0	\$84.00/ \$42.00	\$ 0
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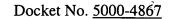
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-3, 5, 16, and 24 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 4, 6-10, 12, 13, and 17 to read as follows:

4. (Amended) The piston according to claim 22, wherein the cross section of the annular concave surface is arcuate.